IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract by the following:

--An image formation apparatus has an image formation unit that forms toner images on an image holding member. A primary transfer unit transfers toner images on the image holding member onto an intermediate transfer member. A secondary transfer unit transfers toner images on the intermediate transfer member onto a recording medium. An electrically-grounded contact member first comes into contact with the intermediate transfer member downstream from a primary transfer portion. The relationship

$$-2.0 \leq \ln(Vtr) - L / (s \ ? \ \log\rho) \leq -1.0$$

is satisfied, in which L (mm) represents the distance from the primary transfer portion to a position where the intermediate transfer member first comes into contact with the contact member, Vtr (V) represents the absolute value of applied voltage to the primary transfer means, s (mm/sec) represents the moving speed of the intermediate transfer member, and $\rho(\Omega/\square)$ represents the surface resistivity of the intermediate transfer member.--